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Docket No. 2094/1E285US1

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In re Application of: Kevin M. GORMAN, David R. PATTERSON,
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Examiner: J. GOLDBERG

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX
DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN
IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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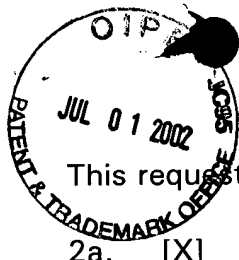
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application upon which prosecution is closed.

- 1. The issue fee in this application **has not** been paid.



2. This request is accompanied by the following submissions:

- 2a. [X] A check in the amount of **\$740.00**, in payment of the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d) and § 1.17(e);
- 2b. [X] Consider the Response to Office Action and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on February 19, 2002; and
- 2c. [X] A Petition for Extension of Time accompanies this Request (accompanied by the appropriate Extension Fee), requesting that the time period for submitting a Brief on Appeal be extended for a period of **three** months, from **APRIL 19, 2002** up to and including **JULY 19, 2002**.

Respectfully submitted,

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